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1. EMBASSY REGRETS DELAY IN NOMINATION OF CANDIDATE FOR INVESTMENT PROJECT. GOIC WAS SLOW IN RESPONDING TO REQUEST FOR SUGGESTED CANDIDATES, DUE IN LARGE MEASURE TO GOVERNMENT RESHUFFLE ANNOUNCED MARCH 4.

2. DIARRA HAS BEEN PROPOSED PERSONALLY BY MINISTER OF PLAN FOLLOWING APPROACH BY AMBASSADOR. AS DIRECTOR FOR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, HE IS IN POSITION FREQUENTLY TO DEAL WITH AMERICAN INVESTORS, AND HIS EXPOSURE TO THIS TYPE OF PROGRAM IS VERY MUCH IN USG AS WELL AS GOIC INTEREST. DO NOT BELIEVE CHANGED FOCUS OF INVESTMENT PROJECT SHOULD IMPAIR IVORY COAST PARTICIPATION.IVORY COAST HAS SOPHISTICATED INVESTMENT ENVIRONMENT, AND EXCHANGE WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES WOULD BE PARTICULARLY USEFUL.

3. EMBASSY THEREFORE DESIRES USE EXTRA GRANT MENTIONED PARA 2 REFTEL (B) FOR DIARRA. REQUEST FISCAL DATA ASAP TO ENABLE HIM DEPART PANAM 187 ARRIVING NEW YORK MARCH 18, TO WASHINGTON BN 07.

4. N'GUETTA BOSSO IS HIGHLY QUALIFIED CANDIDATE FOR FOOD SYSTEMS PROJECT, WHICH IS ALSO OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO
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IVORY COAST. EMBASSY WILL SUBMIT HIS FORMAL NOMINATION

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SHORTLY, WITH HOPE THAT ADDITIONAL FALL-OUT FUNDS WILL BECOME
AVAILABLE.
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